

In the Claims:

- **In response to the restriction requirement set forth in Paper No. 4, and Applicants' election with traverse as set forth below, please cancel claims 40 to 49, leaving claims 1 – 39 and 50 for examination in this case (Group I).**

Claims 40 – 49 are canceled in response to the Examiner's restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated September 19, 2002, Paper No. 4 (the "Office Action"). Cancellation of the claims is made without prejudice, and without waiver in any manner as to the right to prosecute such canceled claims, or the subject matter of such claims, in this application, a divisional or continuation thereof, any reissue or reexamination, or similar application with respect thereto, or any subsequent patent application claiming priority from or through this application, or an application related thereto. Cancellation of the claims in no manner is intended to restrict the application of the doctrine of equivalents to any feature asserted in any of the remaining claims. The claims remaining should be examined and read to encompass asserted features to the broadest of their meanings and to include equivalent features, whether such equivalents are now known, or will become known in the future.

REMARKS

Present Application

After provisional election of claims in response to the restriction requirement, and provisional cancellation of claims with traverse, claims 1 – 39 and 50

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